MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether those 49 Munshies were not acting in permanent vacancies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know what has become of the other two Arabic Munshies? Are they acting or permanent?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The honourable member can infer that from the answer given. One Munshi is on probation and the other one is declared S. P. T.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know how long these 49 Munshies were acting?

PRESIDENT: Does the member want, out of the 49 Arabic Instructors who are acting, information on the floor of the House for what period each one of the 49 has been acting?

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): I want information regarding the majority of them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

Arabic Instructors.

3. ❋ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the Arabic Instructors are receiving the higher salary sanctioned under the revised scale *viz.*, Rs. 12-15; and

(*b*) if not, why?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes, all except one.

(*b*) One Instructor is not receiving the higher pay of Rs. 12 per mensem owing to an audit objection.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the date on which the Arabic Instructors were getting their increments of pay?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On different dates.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know the difference between an Arabic Instructor and an Arabic Munshi?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Mahomed is in possession of the House.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know from the member whether increment was sanctioned on the day when they were designated as Arabic Instructors or on a prior date?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): After they were designated as Arabic Instructors.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know what is the difference in qualification between an Arabic Munshi and an Arabic Instructor?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Arabic Munshies are intended for V. M. Schools and Arabic Instructors for Primary Schools.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): So, is there difference in qualification then ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Teaching of Arabic in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam.

4. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslim students in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam ;

(*b*) whether provision is made in the said school to teach Arabic ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation for the appointment of an Arabic Munshi or Arabic Instructor in that school ; and

(*d*) the action taken by them in the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 121.

(*b*) Yes outside school hours.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question of appointing a full-time Arabic Instructor for the school is receiving attention.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any report has been received regarding the want of accommodation in the Primary School at South Vazhakulam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

Muslim Public Holidays.

5. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Muslim Public Holidays such as Prophet's day, Ramzan, Bakrid, etc., are being strictly observed in all the schools and colleges (departmental and non-departmental) and public offices of the State ; and

(*b*) if not, why ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) & (*b*) The holidays are strictly observed by all departmental institutions and offices. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason why the non-departmental schools are not observing the public holidays observed by the departmental schools ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is already there. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

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